A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Because the expenditure incurred in sending the telegram was not a legitimate charge on municipal funds incidental to municipal administration.
(*c*) No.

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" May I know why surcharge certificate was issued only against the six municipal councillors ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I want notice of the question."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" May I know whether the Government have no powers to authorize what may be termed ' extraordinary expenditure ' ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" They have ; but in this case they did not consider it necessary to exercise those powers."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Are not charges incurred with regard to postage, etc , within the powers of the municipality ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I do not think they can incur the expenditure in question. "

Election of President of Rajampet taluk board.

* 101 *Q.*—Mr S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a copy of the proceedings of a public meeting held at Nandalur on 24th March 1925 to the effect that the presidentship of Rajampet Taluk Board should be thrown open to election ;

(*b*) whether the Government have any intention of doing so ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.
(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Notification No. 585, dated 26th May 1925, nominating M.R.Ry. P. Raghava Reddi as President of the Rajampet Taluk Board.
(*c*) The Government considered that in the best interests of the taluk board a president should for the present be nominated.

Contract to Messrs. Hoe & Co. for printing the local and municipal forms.

* 102 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the contract for printing the local and municipal forms was given to Messrs. Hoe & Co. and for how long ;

(*b*) when the rates were revised and the contract was renewed and for what period ;

(*c*) the percentage of increase allowed on the existing rates ;

(*d*) when the contract is coming to a close ;

(*e*) why no public tenders were invited ; and

(*f*) when fresh tenders are going to be called ?